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To whom it may concern...

I have found news of the Microsoft trial results to be shocking and horrifying to a degree only surpassed by Sept. 11th. Why? Because Microsoft has, and continues to aggressively use their dominance to manipulate prices, licensing, and market opportunities through aggressive marketing, mergers and acquisitions, and bulk licensing changes.

Yet, the DOJ and the Bush administration have clearly sold out the interests of the industry to the highest bidder, which most in the industry recognize as further proof of Microsoft's overwhelming power.

Judge Jackson was not abusing the prudence in jurisprudence, he was simply stating facts when his harsh words for Microsofts behaviour drew such attention.

The best solution is simply to put all versions of Win 95, 98, and 2000, ME and XP into open source. This will maximize competition and innovation and improve the products themselves. Microsoft will still have at least a two year lead in developing for the platform, yet will no longer be able to hide malicious and intentional "bugs" and "features" and security will be enhanced.

Microsoft is the Taliban of the software industry. Taking them out of the position of power they hold is the only solution.

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